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To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtysecond Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:-

Population

The estimated population of the district for 1960 is 8,380 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £98,957 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £384 9 8d.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

Live Births	102
Live Births rate per 1,000 population	12.2
Still Births	3
Still Births rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	28.6
Total live and stillbirths	105
Infant deaths	4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	39.2
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)	29.4
Maternal deaths (including abortions)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths	Nil.

	M	F	Total
Live Births	50	52	102
Legitimate	47	49	96
Illegitimate	3	3	6
Still Births	2	1	3
Deaths of infants (under 1 year of age)	Nil	4	4
Legitimate	Nil	4	4
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	Nil	3	3
Legitimate	Nil	3	3
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil

Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality.	
	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000. Pop	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. of deaths reg.	Rate per 1000 live births
1960	102	12.2	97	12.1	3	28.6	Nil	Nil	4	39.2
1959	122	14.7	126	15.6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	16.4
Prev. Year Diff.	-20	-2.5	-29	-3.5	+3	+28.6	--	--	+2	+22.8

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT
DURING 1960 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortality	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1941	7895	117	14.8	115	14.5	5	42	Nil	
1942	7663	110	14.3	90	11.7	6	54	Nil	
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	
1957	8410	124	14.9	100	12.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	
1958	8360	125	15.1	108	13.3	7	56	Nil	
1959	8380	122	14.7	126	15.6	2	16.4	Nil	
1960	8380	102	12.2	97	12.1	4	39.2	Nil	

DEATH RATE

In 1960, the deaths relating to this district were 38 males and 59 females.

The death rate in 1960 was	12.1
The death rate in 1959 was	15.6
The decrease in 1960 on the previous year was	3.5
In 1960 the registered births were higher than deaths by	5
In 1959 the registered deaths were higher than births by	4
The rate per 1,000 population for Respiratory T.B. was	0.12
The rate per 1,000 population for Malignant Neoplasms was	1.44

Comparison with England and Wales

	England & Wales	Milnrow
Birth rate	17.1	12.3
Death rate	11.5	12.1
Maternal Mortality	0.39	Nil
Infant Mortality rate	21.7	39.2

During the year 58 people belonging to this district died outside it:-

Birch Hill Hospital	38
Rochdale Infirmary	10
Wolstenholme Hall Hospital	1
Marland Hospital	2
Orthapaedic Hospital	1
Rochdale	2
Manchester Royal Infirmary	2
Wrightington Hospital	1
Seaton Valley	1
	58

The causes of death were:-

Tuberculosis respiratory	1
Tuberculosis other	1
Malignant neoplasms stomach	1
" " lung, bronchus	1
" " breast	2
" " uterus	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15
Coronary diseases, angina	15
Hypertension with heart diseases	1
Other heart diseases	16
Other circulatory diseases	7
Pneumonia	3
Bronchitis	7
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2
Congenital malformation	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	11
All other accidents	3
Suicide	2
	97

Infant Mortality

During 1960 there were 4 deaths of infants under one year.

The infant Mortality Rate in 1960 was	39.2
The Infantile Mortality Rate in 1959 was	16.4
The increase in 1960 on the previous year was	22.8
The Maternal Mortality during 1960 was	Nil
The Maternal Mortality during 1959 was	Nil

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified During the year 1960

Notifiable Diseases	Total	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	Over	Cases removed to hospital
Scarlet Fever	5				1	1	2	1						
Measles	40	2	5	5	8	10	8	2						
Whooping Cough	2					1	1							
Dysentery	3		1	1	1									
Puerperal Pyrexia	2								2					
	52													

Under the National Health Service, the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic	There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (Consultation) open every Tuesday, 2.0. to 4.0.p.m.
Ante-Natal	Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1, Wesley Street, when the clinic is open.
Midwifery	Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.
Home Helps	There are 10 home helps in the district.
Cleansing Centre	Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.
Immunisation	Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.
Ambulance Facilities	The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.
Infectious Diseases	The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE. M.D., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year, 1960

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitted to you my sixteenth Annual report.

During the year, 47 Standard grants have been made for the improvement of dwellinghouses. Although these grants have provided modern amenities in these houses, this is only a small proportion of the dwellinghouses in the district requiring these amenities.

Prior to March 1st, when the eradication of Tuberculosis in cattle had not been completed, 6.33% of all cattle and 7.35% of cows were affected with Tuberculosis. Since March to the end of the year, the percentage of all cattle affected with Tuberculosis was 0.26% and of cows, 0.49%.

During the whole of the year, 2.76% of all cattle and 3.93% of cows were affected.

The figure for 1959 for all cattle was 12.59% and of cows 14.3%.

During the field work carried out by the Veterinary Officers in the elimination of Tuberculosis they have also greatly reduced other diseases found on examination in the alsughterhouses.

The Council have 18 bungalows in course of construction, also work has commenced on the erection of 158 houses by private enterprise.

Housing Statistics, 1960

Number of houses erected during the year:	
By other bodies	10
By Local Authority	Nil
Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year	
Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	87
Number of inspections made for the purpose	205
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	7
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under the preceeding sub-heading) found to be not in all respects, reasonably fit for human habitation	34
Remedy of defects during the year without the Service of formal notice	
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers.	21
Action under Statutory Powers during the year	Nil
Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	5
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notice	
(a) By owners	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.

Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of Housing Act, 1957

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	7
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Order	1

Housing Act, 1957, Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

47 Standard Grants were approved, 45 schemes being completed during the year.

Rent Act, 1957

1 application has been made for certificates of disrepair, and an undertaking was given by the landlord

Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 87

Other inspections made are shown in Table "A" and Nuisance Abated in Table "B".

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale, and Oldham Corporation from Moorland gathering grounds.

Of the 3111 houses of the district, 2922 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the district where a water main is not available, and are farms, farm cottages and small hamlets.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Rodent Control

The following Summary gives details of the work carried out during the year:-

	Properties Inspected	No. of Properties Infested	No. of Treatments
Local Authority	Nil	Nil	Nil
Dwellinghouses	113	26	26
Business Premises	57	7	7
Agricultural Premises	7	Nil	Nil

There were no cases of a serious nature.

Scavenging

The sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was:

Fresh water closets	3095
Waste Water closets	32
Pail Closets	172
Ashbins	2765

3 Waste water closets have been converted to fresh water carriage system.

The Pail closets are situate in outlying districts where there is no sewer available.

CLEANSING SERVICE

Domestic Refuse

The Cleansing Service is operated by two refuse collection vehicles and 8 men, and collects refuse and nightsoil.

Since the 1st May, nightsoil has been collected with gully emptier, which is jointly used with Crompton Urban District Council.

A mechanical shovel was purchased for joint use with Crompton Urban District Council for use on the tips. This equipment came into operation on the 1st January, The tip has been better consolidated and controlled with this machine.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 8073 miles and collected 1736 loads of refuse and nightsoil.

The mileage is made up as follows:-

	Mileage	Loads
Domestic Refuse	7506	1682
Nightsoil	567	54

Factories

There are 49 factories in the district, 40 mechanical and 9 non-mechanical.

Mechanical

7 Cotton Spinners
2 Waste Mills
5 Engineering Works
1 Woodwork Machinist,
1 Laundry,
1 Electrical Engineers
1 Paper Tube Manufacturers
1 Brickworks
1 Spring Maker.
4 Bleaching and Dyeing,
1 Surgical Cotton Manufacturers
3 Joiners
5 Bakehouses
3 Garages
1 Wool Sorter
1 Slipper Manufacturer
1 Television Assembly,
1 Hemming & Packing Blankets.

Non-Mechanical

4 Plumbers
5, Slaughterhouses.

During the year, 13 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, boiler plants, and means of escape in case of fire.

Factories Act, 1937. Section 34

During the year, 1 certificate of adequate means of escape in case of fire has been issued.

All the factories in the district have now been inspected for means of escape in case of fire.

From the 1st January, 1961, the responsibility for the inspection of factories and the issuing of certificates for Means of Escape in case of fire, will be carried out by the Lancashire County Council Fire Brigade.

Clean Air Act, 1956

Discussions have been held with the managers of the factories re the emission of smoke.

One factory has under consideration, the electrification of the plant. There are now only 6 factories using steam for driving.

All the chimneys are kept under observation and every effort is made to prevent the emission of smoke.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a licence under the Act to manufacture and store rag flock.

Schools

There are 5 schools in the district. Of these, 4 have fresh water cl sets and 1 pail closets. There is no sewer available for the school with pail closets.

Shops Acts

The following is a list of shops in the district:-

12 Confectioners
13 Butchers
1 Chemists
1 Cornmerchant.
10 drapers
3 electrical goods
5 Fried fish & chip
1 Fancy goods
1 Drug store
4 Boot and Shoe
35 Grocery and provisions
10 Greengrocery and fish,
1 Gowns,
10 Hairdressers
4 Hardware
8 Newsagents
2 Paint and wallpaper
4 Sweet and tobacco,
1 Cycle accessories,
1 Herbalist.

Licensed Premises
19 Public Houses
5 Clubs
2 Off Licenses.

71 visits have been made to shops during the year.

The provisions of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

Food Preparing Premises

There are 10 bakehouses and 5 fried fish and chip shops. 22 visits have been made to these premises. A good standard has been maintained.

Food Shops

There are 12 confectioners, 13 butchers, 35 grocery and provisions and 10 greengrocery and fish.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1958

40 visits have been made under the above regulations.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955

A total of 51 samples was obtained by the Food and Drugs Department of the Lancashire County Council, consisting of 37 samples of milk and 14 others comprising:-

1 Beef Sausages
1 Epsom Salts
1 Parrishes' Chemical Food
2 Whisky
1 Gin
1 Rum
2 Mineral Waters
1 Vitamin C Tablets
1 Breakfast Oats
1 Cooking Fat
1 Almond Marzipan
1 Marzipan Cake Decorations.

There were no samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports.

Slaughterhouses
Slaughterhouse Act, 1958

The Slaughterhouse report has been submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and has been accepted. The date for construction regulations to come into operation is 1st January, 1962. After this date the number of Slaughterhouses in the district will be 3.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 62.

There are 5 Licensed Slaughterhouses in the district. The standard of cleanliness has been satisfactory.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1938
Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954

12 Licences to Slaughter or Stun Animals have been issued during the year.

Meat Inspections

		No. of Animals Slaughtered					
Visits	Total	Cows	Heifers	Bullocks	Calves	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs
456	1352	407	65	110	51	31	688

During the year 4 heads, 30 sets of lungs, 36 whole and 38 part livers, were condemned

Of the cattle inspected, 2.76% were affected with Tuberculosis.

Milk
School and Day Nuerseries

All milk supplied to schools is Pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

		Phosphates Test		Methylene Blue Test	
	No. Taken	S.	N.S.	S.	N.S.
Schools	4	4		4	
Day Nurseries	1	1		1	

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1945/50

The issuing of licences has now been transferred to the Lancashire County Council.

51 Licences have been granted to sell "Sterilised" Milk
20 Licences have been granted to sell "Pasteurised" Milk.

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

19 Licences have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Infection and Disinfection

There were 52 cases of infectious diseases notified during the year:-

Puerperal Fever	2
Scarlet Fever	4
Measles	40
Whooping Cough	2
Sonnei Dysentery	4

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their heldp and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Public Health Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.

TABLE "A"

Inspection of Dwellinghouses	87
Re-inspection of Dwellinghouses	118
Inspection of Factories	13
Inspection of Farms	7
Inspection of Bakehouses	17
Inspection of Butchers shops	12
Inspection re Food Hygiene Regulations	40
Inspection of Fried Fish & Chip shops	5
Inspection of Schools	9
Inspection of Tip	208
Inspection of Licensed premises	4
Inspection of Pets Shop	1
Visits re Rats and Mice	90
Inspection of drainage	14
Visits re applications for Council houses	5
Inspection of Shops (Shops Act)	71
Visits to Day Nurseries	2
Visits re unsound food	4
Visits re Water supplies	6
Visits to Slaughterhouses	456
Miscellaneous Inspections	99
Visits not inspections	122
Visits Clean Air Act	7
Visits re Rent Act	2
Visits re Waste Food Order	11
	1410

TABLE "B"

Rainwater pipes repaired	3
Eavesgutter repaired	6
Roof repaired	6
Brickwork pointed	3
Window frames repaired	8
Door frame repaired	3
Ceiling plaster repaired	4
Wall plaster repaired	3
Dampness	4
Floor repaired	1
Brickwork of coal place repaired	1
W.C.Chamber roof repaired	1
W.C. Chamber Stonework repaired	1
Burst water services to W.C. cistern	3
W.C. Chamber door repaired	2
W.C. cisterns repaired	3
W.C. pedestal renewed	1
Tipper closets converted	3
W.C. seat renewed	2
Choked drains released	3
Rubbish removed	1
Ashbin recess repaired	1
New ashbins provided	7
Ashbins renewed	172
Sanitary pails renewed	11
Infestations Rats & Mice	33
	286